

Coming Home: Celebrating A Return To Community Living

In 2007, the NH Department of Health and Human Services implemented the New Hampshire Community Passport Program, which helps people transition from institutional care to community-based care. Three people who participated in this program shared their stories:



Brenda is 47 years old. She was in a rehabilitation facility from October 2007 until May 2008, when she transitioned to her own apartment in Manchester. Some necessary kitchen and bathroom modifications were made to the apartment before she moved in. At first, Brenda felt overwhelmed by the number of people involved in her transition, but she appreciated the professional coordination and advice that she received every step of the way. She reports that she

is very happy to be home, and says that although transitioning is hard work, people can be successful if they stick with it. "If I can do it, anyone can!"



Luc, age 64, transitioned from a nursing home back to his own apartment in June 2008. This is near the area where he used to live, and to his many friends. Luc appreciated the fact that his ideas and concerns were taken into consideration throughout the decision process. His plans for the future? After working in the construction field for over 20 years, he would now like to teach or get a job supervising construction crews.



Agnes is 96 years young! She entered the hospital in January 2008 after breaking her hip. Following a stay at a rehabilitation facility, she transitioned back home with her daughter and son-in-law in August 2008. She is determined to stay healthy and not fall again! Agnes' children and grandchildren live nearby and visit on a daily basis. She likes to go out for rides with them and to see the seasons change.